

Dear National Organic Program Staff:

Re: Docket Number TMD-94-00-2

I strongly believe that the proposed National Organic Standards rule is not compatible or consistent with long established organic principles. I respectfully request that the USDA withdraw the proposed rule when the comment period has ended and all comments have been received, and resubmit the proposed rule based on the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) and the comments submitted from the organic community. All comments on the first proposed rule should remain part of the permanent record for the entire rule-making process. I urge you to give us a choice about how our food is produced and to maintain the high integrity of organic agriculture in the final rules.

These are some of the reasons the rule should be withdrawn and resubmitted:

- The NOSB should retain legal authority to review and recommend all materials for inclusion on the National list. (Topic: National List)
- Genetic Engineering (GEOs) should not be allowed. (Topic: Genetic Engineering; Section 205.8)
- Irradiation should be prohibited. (Topic: Ionizing Radiation, Section 205.17)
- Sewage sludge should be prohibited. (Topic: Biosolids, Section 205.22)
- Antibiotics and hormones and feeding of animal byproducts should be prohibited. Organic and dairy livestock must be fed 100% organic feed and have adequate space for movement with access to the outdoors. (Topics: Organic Feed; Section 205.13; Antibiotics, Section 205.14; Cannibalism; Section 205.13; Factory Farming, Section 205.15)

Other Comments:

Name

Sincerely,

Address

(Print)

Consumer/Farmer/Retailer/Other?

(Signature)